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Hello,

I wish to comment on the proposed surcharge for Black Hills Energy for western SD. I live in Rapid City and use balanced billing and have been a customer since 1977-78 era. I am concerned about the rate increases proposed - it appears that one is a done deal - approximately 16 dollars a month. I do not understand the supposed necessity of a surcharge at 20.00 per month, or its purpose. It is of little comfort to know that in four years we could see another rate hike. The total of the two increases will make life more difficult for many in western South Dakota - particularly for lower income, middle income and retired individuals. It is difficult to see the total income of three of the top individuals in the company with the CEO's total unavailable. Granted the source of this information may not be completely accurate but I suspect it is in the ballpark. Please consider the lives of the ordinary people who need electricity when deciding on the surcharge. I don't quite understand it's purpose. Thank you.

I Maryanne Rohrer